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AND TRADE.

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INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR NIGERIA IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. NO DOMESTIC FERTILIZER PRODUCTION. A PHOSPHATE PLANT IS
BEING CONSTRUCTED BUT PLANT NOT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN TIME
TO HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON PHOSPHATE IMPORT NEEDS IN 1974-75. ROCK
PHOSPHATE TO BE OBTAINED FROM TOGO.

2. CONSUMPTION EQUALS IMPORTS AS THERE IS NO PRODUCTION,
EXPORTS, OR STOCKS OF SIGNIFICANCE. FERTILIZER IMPORT DATA
AVAILABLE FOR 1971-72, 1972-73 BUT ONLY ON ACTUAL WEIGHT BASIS,
NOT ON NUTRIENT BASIS. IN NIGERIA, THE STATES DECIDE ON THEIR
IMPORT NEEDS FOR THE YEAR AND THEN CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE FIRMS TO
IMPORT SUCH. IF PRICES GO UP BETWEEN PERIOD OF CONTRACT AND
PURCHASE, FIRMS OFTEN DO NOT HONOR THEIR CONTRACTS. THIS
HAPPENED IN 1972-73. FERTILIZER ORDERS ARE NORMALLY MADE IN
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MARCH AS FERTILIZER IS APPLIED MANLY IN JUNE-JULY. THIS YEAR

ORDERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLACED BUT NO RESPONSES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM EUROPEAN EXPORTERS. TRADE FEELS IMPORTS IN 1973-74 WILL NOT EXCEED LOW LEVEL OF 1972-73. OUR ESTIMATES FOR 1974-75 ASSUME IMPROVED AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES.

	N	P	K	N.E.E.A
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	1,000 LONG TONS			

1971-72 -----	28	27	4	88
1972-73-----	9	16	2	12
1973-74 -----	10	15	2	20
1974-75 -----	40	40	8	20

A/ MANUFACTURED FERTILIZERS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

3. FERTILIZER PRICES VARY FROM STATE TO STATE. IN GENERAL, FERTILIZER SALES ARE SUBSIDIZED BY 45 TO 50 PERCENT OF THE LANDED COST.

4. FERTILIZER USED MAINLY ON GRAINS AND PEANUTS. BECAUSE OF LOW LEVEL OF USAGE, REDUCTION IN FERTILIZER APPLICATION WOULD HAVE MINIMAL EFFECT ON TOTAL PRODUCTION OF NIGERIAN CROPS.

5. GNP IN 1971 WAS DOLS 6,587 MILLION. GROWTH RATES IN 1972, 1973, AND 1974 ESTIMATED AT 8.6, 9.0, AND 10.0 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY.

INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR GHANA IS AS FOLLOWS:

6. NO DOMESTIC FERTILIZER PRODUCTION. FERTILIZER GRANULATING PLANT IS PLANNED. CONSTRUCTION OF PLANT NOT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS.

7. CONSUMPTION EQUALS IMPORTS AS THERE IS NO PRODUCTION, EXPORTS, OR STOCKS OF SIGNIFICANCE. IMPORTS IN 1971-72, 1972-73, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND OUR ESTIMATES FOR 1973-74 AND 1974-75 AS FOLLOWS:

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	1,000 LONG TONS			

1971-72 -----	0.5	0.2	4	0.9
1972-73 -----	6	0.8	-	5
1973-74 -----	6	0.9	-	5
1974-75 -----	9	1.2	-	7

A/ MANUFACTURED FERTILIZERS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED.

8. FERTILIZER SALES SUBSIDIZED AT 35 PERCENT OF ACTUAL
COST (C.I.F. COST, CUSTOM DUTY, AND INTERNAL TRANSPORT COST).

9. BECAUSE OF LOW LEVEL OF FERTILIZER USAGE CURRENT
SITUATION NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT FOOD PRODUCTION, EXPORT
AVAILABILITY, OR IMPORT REQUIREMENTS.

10. GNP IN 1971 ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT DOLS 1,022 MILLION.
GROWTH RATES IN 1972, 1973, 1974, PLACED AT 1.5, 3.0, AND 3.0
PERCENT RESPECTIVELY.

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